

the flexible base layer and the flexible cover layer are integrally joined in areas between the chambers, the envelope being sufficiently flexible such that the storage device can be kept in stock rolled up or concertinaed, the chambers being broken in response to the application of finger pressure on the flexible cover to tear the flexible cover layer inward to provide access to the medical swabs through the opening in the cover layer.

34. (New) Storage device of claim 33 wherein the receiving depressions in the flexible base layer are convex with respect to the flexible cover layer and sealed by the flexible cover layer.

35. (New) Storage device for medical swabs comprising an envelope, said envelope having a flexible base film and flexible covering film wherein said base film is made of material selected from the group consisting of polyamide and polyethylene, and wherein said covering layer consists of sterilization paper, and wherein said envelope has adjacent chambers wherein said chambers comprise two flexible layers which are integrally bonded with each other in the areas between the chambers, the chambers are formed by receiving depressions shaped to receive a medical swab in the flexible base film, the chambers opening in response to the exertion of finger pressure on the covering film to provide access to the medical swabs through the opening in the covering film, and the envelope being sufficiently flexible such that the storage device can be kept in stock rolled up or concertinaed.

36. (New) Storage device according to claim 35 wherein said chambers are convex receiving depressions which depressions are spaced apart in said base film, and wherein the chambers are sealed by said covering film.

37. (New) Storage device for medical swabs comprising an envelope, said envelope having a flexible base layer having receiving depressions for holding the medical swabs, and a flexible cover layer sealed to the base layer to form chambers with the respective depressions, wherein said base

film is made of material selected from the group consisting of polyamide and polyethylene, and wherein said covering layer consists of sterilization paper, and wherein said envelope being sufficiently flexible such that the storage device can be kept in stock rolled up or concertinaed, said cover layer opening in response to finger pressure on the cover layer to provide access to the chamber holding the medical swabs through the opening in the cover layer.

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